12th May 1954]

Discharge of certain persons in the State Transport department, Madras.

* 718 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from the Government of Andhra State regarding the termination of services of nineteen Andhra employees of the State Transport department, Madras City;

(*b*) the reply sent to Andhra Government;

(*c*) how many Andhras were working in this department prior to 1st October 1953;

(*d*) how many Tamilians were employed in the vacancies created by the allotment of the Andhras to the Andhra State; and

(*e*) whether any buses have been transferred to Andhra State?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The persons discharged are not all Andhras. The principles followed by the Madras Government in the discharge and re-employment of temporary personnel after partition of the State were explained to the Andhra Government. They were also told that nothing was done on the basis of considerations of Andhra or Non-Andhra in the discharge or in the re-employment of the personnel and that there was no discrimination against Andhra personnel.

" (*c*) 481.

" (*d*) Twelve Tamilians were appointed out of the eighteen vacancies created by the allotment of Andhra personnel to the Andhra State.

" (*e*) Nil."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" Sir, is the Hon. the Minister for Transport aware that there is a general allegation that many Malayalees have been recruited to this department? "

Repairs to the tanks in Thirumalai-Tirupathi Devasthanam Estate, Tiruvallur.

* 719 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN (on behalf of Sri M. Dharmalingam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the existing tanks in Thirumalai-Tirupathi Devasthanam Estate in Tiruvallur taluk are being maintained by the Food Production Department; and

(*b*) the number of existing tanks, the number of tanks that require immediate repairs and the estimated cost of repairs?